

# The Living Stones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society December 2023

## President's Message

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold." - Aristotle

Hello Members!

We had a few great members step forward and take a board position, Please WELCOME Terri Ridenour as our new Secretary, Jim Johnson returning as a 1<sup>st</sup> year director and AnneMarie McFadden as a 1<sup>st</sup> year director. Big thanks to all to remained serving our club as they have been for the last couple of years! Cinda Wilson/Vice President, Linda Sheedy/Treasurer, Bill Magee/Shopkeeper and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year directors-Lori Irvin & Sandy Wrestler.

A reminder that new member training was suspended after Nov. 17, 2023 and will resume Jan. 8, 2024. There are still people on the waiting list.

With all the new members, the machines need more frequent repairs. Remember to call Bill Magee when there is a problem with a machine, so he can bring the appropriate tools when he comes into the shop next. His number is posted on the office window.

T Shirts are in! They are purple or green & fabulous! You may purchase the shirts S-2X- \$15 and 3X-4X - \$18.

**Rock of the Month will be on  
December 6, room #33, 1-2:30  
Tourmaline!**

\*Dues for 2024 LGMS membership are \$65 (due December 31, 2023) with \$1 daily shop fee.  
**Remember;** please add the \$5 locked drawer fee and the drawer #, if you are using one. (One drawer

per person) Some locked drawers are now available. You can mail your dues to: Linda Sheedy, 1582 Forest Bay Ct., Wixom, MI 48393.

**December shop hours** - Tuesday thru Friday. Tues/Wed 9 am-9 pm, Thurs 9 am-9 pm (silversmiths only), and Friday 10 am-4 pm. (If there are not 2 members in the shop on Fridays, the closer may choose to leave earlier than 4:00. Be aware) There must be at least 2 people in the shop at all times to use the machines for safety reasons.

**Holiday Shop hours will be posted on Facebook & in the shop.**

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President's Message cont.

Please note the times/dates for ALL this year's Club meetings are posted in this newsletter. Please attend and support your club, so your voice may be heard! Remember, the shop will be closed at 5:30 pm on general membership meeting days. Machines will shut down at 4:30 if fall show meeting is held in the shop.

Please stay well, my fellow members! You are all treasures! Contact info: caricatures@comcast.net or cell phone 248-931-5999.

Sincerely yours,  
*Cari Jacob*



### December Dates to remember:

**December 6**, Wednesday: Rock of the Month

**December 8**, Friday: Last day to pay for  
Holiday Party reservation

**December 12**, Tuesday: Holiday Party

**December 31**: Dues for 2024 are DUE!

### Rock of the Month

(first Wednesday of the month at 1 pm)

December 6, 2023 ..... **Tourmaline**

upcoming plans:

January (1/3/24)..... **Jade**

February (2/7/24)..... **Feldspar**



### 2023 Officers and Chairpersons

**President:** Cari Jacob 248-931-5999

**Vice President:** Cinda Wilson 810-423-0464

**Secretary:**

**Treasurer:** Linda Sheedy 248-425-9686

**Shop Chair:** Bill Magee 734-981-6117

**Second year Directors:**

Janelle Gustafsen 248-420-1741

Jim Johnson 810-923-6113

**First year Directors:**

Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

Sandra Wrestler 248-875-5921

**Newsletter:** Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804,  
imvm.1@netzero.com

**Membership:** Lori Irvin 810-820-0494

**Historian:** Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586

**Library:** Bryant Hiiter, 248-472-8481

**Webmaster:** John Myer, www.livingstongems

Email: [LGMSMich@gmail.com](mailto:LGMSMich@gmail.com)

show website: [lgmsrockshow.com](http://lgmsrockshow.com)

Instagram: livingstongems

General Membership Meetings are held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6 pm. (Except in January and February when only board meetings are held.)

## LGMS General Meeting November 21, 2023, 6:00 pm at the shop

### Call to Order – 6:03 pm

**Roll Call:** a total of 28 Members including board members. Quorum: YES (7). Ed Oller motioned & Jim Hanson 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve last month's minutes with no corrections.

### President's Report – Cari Jacob

1. T-shirts available in Heather Purple in sizes small-2XL (\$15) 3X-4X (\$18). Heather Green shirts will also be available for purchase.
2. We will be cleaning up the office and placing lost & found items with a member's name on the big table in the shop. Please take a look at all the lost and found items as anything left unclaimed will go into the Christmas party silent auction.
3. Thanksgiving holiday hours are as follows: Normal hours Tuesday, 11/21, Wednesday, 10/22 9-4 and /Thursday/Friday closed.
4. Thank you to Bryant Hiiter for cleaning out and maintaining the library in the shop.
5. Any large garbage such as computer or other equipment must be disposed of by us. Cardboard boxes may be broken down and labeled as garbage out in the hallway.
6. Remember as inclement weather time approaches, check Hartland schools for their school closing information.

### Vice President's Report – Cinda Wilson

1. We have finalized training 28 new members and will now suspend training thru January 8. There currently people still on the waiting list.
2. Membership is currently at 250.
3. Tony West collection was purchased and thanks to Bryant Hiiter, Jim Johnson, Bill Magee and Ed Oller, it was immediately moved to the cleaned-up storage unit. Tony is considering offering another portion of his collection to our club in the near future.

### Treasurer's Report – Linda Sheedy

We are currently in good standing

### Shop Keeper's Report – Bill Magee

1. All saws are working in good order.
2. A Tightening wrench is to be made for a saw, and he will be replacing the copper compression fittings.
3. We need another barrel of oil although there are about 5 gallons left in the bottom of the one we have. Adaptions to the pump might have to be made.
4. The outlet strip in the kitchen is not working and the school has been notified.

### Silversmith Report – Lavonne Foldenauer

Silversmiths have been busy and more silver will have to be purchased.

## Old Business - Voting for Board:

### Incumbants

- President-Cari Jacob 26 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain  
Vice President-Cinda Wilson 26 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain  
Treasurer-Linda Sheedy 26 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain  
Shopkeeper-Bill Magee 26 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain

### New Board Members

- Secretary-Terri Ridenour 26 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain  
1<sup>st</sup> year director-AnneMarie McFadden (not present) 27 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstain  
1<sup>st</sup> year director-Jim Johnson 26 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain  
2<sup>nd</sup> year directors –Lori Irvin & Sandy Wrestler remain still serving their terms

### New Business

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**\*\*If you want to play the gift exchange**, please bring a \$10 or more wrapped unmarked lapidary gift item. You bring a gift – you get a gift!

**\*\*Purchasing a couple more of the flags for our show** was discussed again. We would like to add in more categories example: Public Welcome, Beads etc. We will table this decision for the board meeting in January after the pricing has been researched.

**\*\*Dependent on the church location's new pastor**, we are planning for spring pop-up show on May 18, 2024.

**Adjournment 6:57 pm** Motion to end meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> by Ed Oller 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Ridenour to adjourn.

Motion passed with the majority.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lori Irvin, Guest Secretary  
 C Jacob, Content Review



### 2023 LGMS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

Please be aware that during membership meetings the shop will be totally shut down at 5:45 pm.

Month	2023 date	Time	Meeting type	Location	
November	11/21	6 pm	General Membership	LGMS shop	Shop shut down at 5:45
December	12/12	6 pm	Membership mtg /Holiday Party	Senior Center	Shop shut down at 5:45

### LGMS Membership Renewal 2024

Complete this tear-off form and mail to:

Linda Sheedy, LGMS Treasurer  
1582 Forest Bay Court, Wixom, MI 48393

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Address (City, State, Zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (Area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Hartland School District resident \_\_\_yes\_\_\_no

Newsletter preference: \_\_\_shop\_\_\_email

Adult membership(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Youth membership(s) (ages 13-17) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Drawer charge \$5.00= \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## A SIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(author unknown)

'Twas the eve before Christmas and there in the night  
the desert was quiet, not a rockhound in sight.  
Our socks were all hung where the bright fire glows  
in hopes that our Moms would sew up the toes.

The kids were all stacked in their warm little bunks  
with visions of agate, slabs, boulders and chunks.  
And me in my long johns and Ma in her sack  
had jumped into bed; it was cold in the shack.

From out in the sagebrush rose a hullabaloo  
and I sprang to the window to throw out a shoe.  
The moon shining down on the still silver sand  
confirmed that the desert was my kind of land.

I strained my eyes 'till my brow was a furrow;  
along came an old gent, a-leadin' his burro.  
By the size of his tummy and the face full of hair  
I knew it was Santa or a big grizzly bear.

"Go Rudolph, go Rudolph, you stubborn ol' mule,  
get moving there, Rudolph, you lop-eared ol' fool."  
Than quick as a polecat I heard up on top  
that darn red-nosed burro go clippity-clop.

Santa's trip down the chimney was somethin' uncanny;  
the fire was a-burnin' and scorched his poor fanny.  
He was dressed all in denim from his hat to his shoes,  
His nose was all red and he needed a snooze.

He had middle age spread that just wouldn't fit,  
and a bag so big it was ready to split.  
He spied my old trim saw, the one that was broke;  
"By golly, you're rockhounds, you're my kind of folk."

He sat down at the table, we both had some java  
and talked about agate, opal, and lava.  
He told of old times, of Horse Canyon agate,  
of good times in Boron, of jasper from Dagget.

He told of old pals from a mine in ghost city  
of Bullfrog and Bodic, they're dead, what a pity.  
Then out of his pack for me and for Maw  
what else did he pull but a big slabbing saw.

There was a hammer for Nels and a black light for Della  
and he winked as he sat there, a jolly good fella.  
Then lookin' at the fire and feelin' a bit sore  
he thought it was best to leave through the door.

Then I heard his exclaim as he went out of sight  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS, YOU ROCKHOUNDS, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

*Livingston Gem and Mineral Society  
9525 E. Highland Road  
Howell, Michigan 48843-9098*



***Annual Holiday Party  
Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
6 pm at the Senior Center***

***(come to enjoy great food, great company, silent auction,  
rock contest, election of officers, gift exchange!)***

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1970. The annual membership fee is \$65.00 for adults and \$25.00 for youth ages 13-17. There is an additional fee of \$1.00 per day for workshop use. Annual dues and annual shop fees are due on January 1 of each year. The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society publishes The Living Stones. Non copyrighted articles may be reprinted provided that they are properly attributed. Newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Articles or correspondence can be sent to LGMS, Hartland Consolidated Schools, 9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843-9098.

***Our Mission***

*The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization and member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our purpose is to promote, through educational means, public interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, archaeology, paleontology and the lapidary arts.*